

Part 1: Chapter 9

The Conduct Advisory Panel

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1.1. The County Council has appointed a Conduct Advisory Panel to advise the County Council on Standards Arrangements in consequence of the Localism Act 2011, and to undertake functions in respect of Standards Arrangements as delegated by the County Council.

1.2. **Composition**

The Conduct Advisory Panel is proportionally constituted and comprised of 10 members.

1.3. **Role and Function**

The Conduct Advisory Panel will have the following roles and functions:

- 1.3.1. advising the County Council on adoption or revision of a new Members' Code of Conduct under the Localism Act.
- 1.3.2. advising the County Council on revised arrangements in respect of the registration and declaration of Members' interests under the Localism Act, and procedures regulating the conduct of Meetings, including any consequential amendments to Standing Orders.
- 1.3.3. determining revised arrangements for the assessment, investigation and determination of allegations of breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 1.3.4. grant of dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act in respect of participation and voting in Meetings, in cases where Members or Co-opted Members of the County Council have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 1.3.5. Responsibility for approval of absence of an elected Member of the County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1.3.6. assistance in recruitment of an Independent Person required to be appointed by the County Council in consequence of the Localism Act, and recommendations to the County Council on any appointment.

- 1.3.7. assistance in recruitment of members of the Independent Remuneration Panel required to be appointed by the County Council in consequence of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, and recommendations to the County Council on any appointment.